COVID-19 Response:
Coronavirus Relief Fund:
Assistance to Municipalities and Local Government

The CARES Act provides for $150 billion in aid to states and local governments. Funds have been allocated proportionally across the country, with each state receiving at least $1.25 billion. The bill sets aside $3 billion for U.S. territories, including Washington, DC, and $8 billion for tribal entities.

Further information on the Coronavirus Relief Fund and how it can be utilized to cover the costs of measures addressing COVID-19 and its impact can be found here.

Are state and local governments eligible for relief funds?

YES, 80 percent of funding provided by Division B, the appropriations section of the CARES Act, goes out through existing grants to support state, local, tribal, and community grantees. Some programs included within the appropriations division are:

- Community Development Block Grants – $5 billion
- Homelessness Grants – $4 billion
- Transit Agencies – $24 billion
- Airports – $10 billion
- Assistance to Tribal Communities (Indian Health Service, Bureaus of Indian Education/Affairs, and Food Distribution) – $1.7 billion
- Disaster Relief Fund – $45 billion
- Emergency Food and Shelter Grants – $200 million
- First Responder (FIRE) Grants – $100 million
- Emergency Management Program Grants – $100 million
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants – $850 million
- Economic Assistance Development Grants – $1.5 billion
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership Grants – $50 million
- Child nutrition – $8.8 billion
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – $15.8 billion
- Community Services Block Grant – $1 billion
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – $900 million

- Child Care and Development Block Grant – $3.5 billion
- CDC Funding for State Public Health Departments – $1.5 billion

Details on how new programs will be implemented have been forthcoming and are determined by the relevant federal agencies. For regular updates regarding implementation, please visit the respective department's website.